



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KATO, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1643**

Serial No.: **09/340,196**

Examiner: **Anne L. Holleran**

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 27, 2005**, extended to **December 27, 2005** by a 2 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.